

TRANSPORT CORPORATION

RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Rating | BUY |
| Sector relative | Neutral |
| Price (INR) | 367 |
| 12 month price target (INR) | 450 |
| Market cap (INR bn/USD bn) | 28/0.4 |
| Free float/Foreign ownership (%) | 33.3/1.6 |
| What's Changed | |
| Target Price | ↑ |
| Rating/Risk Rating | — |

QUICK TAKE

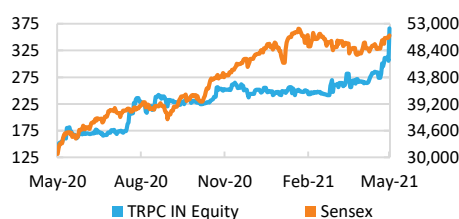
| | Above | In line | Below |
|----------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Profit | ● | | |
| Margins | ● | | |
| Revenue Growth | ● | | |
| Overall | ● | | |

FINANCIALS

(INR mn)

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 27,178 | 28,024 | 32,158 | 36,844 |
| EBITDA | 2,405 | 2,612 | 3,143 | 3,841 |
| Adjusted profit | 1,531 | 1,586 | 1,994 | 2,494 |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 19.8 | 20.1 | 25.3 | 31.6 |
| EPS growth (%) | 5.4 | 1.5 | 25.7 | 25.1 |
| RoAE (%) | 14.9 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 18.0 |
| P/E (x) | 18.5 | 18.2 | 14.5 | 11.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 13.2 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 7.9 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 |

PRICE PERFORMANCE



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Transport Corporation of India (TCI) outran our estimates turning in record-high revenue (up 27% YoY), margin improvement across segments and an earnings uptick of 79% YoY. Management continues to be upbeat on demand and guided for a 15%/20% YoY increase in FY22 revenue/PAT, though Q1 operations would be impacted by covid.

We are bullish on TCI; its improving business mix should lift margins and returns profile over the next three–four years, which can drive a re-rating. Moreover the stock, trading at 14x PE, provides valuation comfort. Factoring in the strong Q4FY21 and better demand outlook, we are raising FY22/23E EPS by 3/11%. Retain 'BUY' with a revised TP of INR450 (up from INR342), implying 17x one-year forward PE.

Strong performance continues

TCI outclassed our Q4FY21 estimates turning in record-high revenue (up 27% YoY/11% QoQ) and a 79% YoY uptick in PAT. EBITDA margin expanded across the board and came in at 10.7% (up 140bps YoY). The freight division's revenue jumped 20% YoY while its margin came in at 4.5% (4.2% in Q4FY20). Supply chain revenue, although flat QoQ, jumped 40% YoY off a low base. And given this segment's high dependence on the auto sector (~80%), it would be heavily impacted again by lockdowns in Q1FY22. The Seaways division's Q4FY21 revenue increased 23% YoY with margin expanding 450bps YoY.

Business mix change to drive re-rating

Our investment rationale for TCI is premised on improvement in its underlying business mix over the next three–four years. The company is targeting higher-margin LTL mix of 40% in the freight division. The supply chain division operates in the fast-growing 3PL category, which is expected to log a CAGR of 15%-plus over the next five–seven years. TCI also plans to add capacity in Seaways (in Q4FY22), which should aid margin improvement and RoCE. Overall, TCI's focus on establishing multi-modal capabilities would show up in its growth over the next four–five years.

Outlook and valuation: Retain 'BUY'

Factoring in a strong Q4FY21 performance and better demand outlook, we are revising up FY22/23E EPS by 3/11%. Retain 'BUY/SN' with a revised SoTP-based TP of INR450 (up from INR342), implying a one-year forward PE of 17x. The stock is trading at 14x one-year forward PE provides ample margin of safety.

Financials

| Year to March | Q4FY21 | Q4FY20 | % Change | Q3FY21 | % Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Net Revenue | 7,966 | 6,257 | 27.3 | 7,152 | 11.4 |
| EBITDA | 856 | 580 | 47.6 | 754 | 13.4 |
| Adjusted Profit | 560 | 313 | 79.2 | 482 | 16.1 |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 7.3 | 4.1 | 79.2 | 6.3 | 16.1 |

Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total operating income | 27,178 | 28,024 | 32,158 | 36,844 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 22,143 | 22,972 | 26,231 | 29,840 |
| Employee costs | 1,572 | 1,455 | 1,620 | 1,840 |
| Other expenses | 1,058 | 984 | 1,163 | 1,322 |
| EBITDA | 2,405 | 2,612 | 3,143 | 3,841 |
| Depreciation | 825 | 928 | 1,108 | 1,185 |
| Less: Interest expense | 343 | 267 | 281 | 297 |
| Add: Other income | 201 | 255 | 372 | 347 |
| Profit before tax | 1,438 | 1,672 | 2,126 | 2,707 |
| Prov for tax | 159 | 238 | 392 | 499 |
| Less: Other adjustment | 153 | 71 | 260 | 286 |
| Reported profit | 1,432 | 1,504 | 1,994 | 2,494 |
| Less: Excp.item (net) | 99 | 82 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted profit | 1,531 | 1,586 | 1,994 | 2,494 |
| Diluted shares o/s | 77 | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| Adjusted diluted EPS | 20 | 20 | 25 | 32 |
| DPS (INR) | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| Tax rate (%) | 11.1 | 14.3 | 18.4 | 18.4 |

Important Ratios (%)

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA margin (%) | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.4 |
| PBT growth (% YoY) | (6.7) | 16.2 | 27.2 | 27.3 |
| Net profit margin (%) | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.8 |
| Revenue growth (% YoY) | (1.3) | 3.1 | 14.8 | 14.6 |
| EBITDA growth (% YoY) | (3.6) | 8.6 | 20.3 | 22.2 |
| Asset turnover (X) | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Adj. profit growth (%) | 5.4 | 3.6 | 25.7 | 25.1 |
| EBIT margin (%) | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 7.2 |

Assumptions (%)

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GDP (YoY %) | 4.8 | (4.0) | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Repo rate (%) | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| USD/INR (average) | 70.7 | 75.0 | 73.0 | 73.0 |
| Freight margin (%) | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| SCM margin (%) | 9.8 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 11.0 |
| Real. per DWT (INR) | 85,000 | 85,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Freight div. (% YoY) | 3.3 | (7.8) | 12.0 | 13.2 |
| SCM growth(% YoY) | (8.9) | 1.1 | 16.0 | 13.0 |
| Seaways (% YoY) | 3.5 | 7.2 | 16.6 | 22.3 |

Valuation Metrics

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Diluted P/E (x) | 18.5 | 18.2 | 14.5 | 11.6 |
| Price/BV (x) | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 13.2 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 7.9 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 |

Source: Company and Edelweiss estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share capital | 154 | 154 | 154 | 154 |
| Reserves | 10,085 | 11,543 | 12,784 | 14,684 |
| Shareholders funds | 10,239 | 11,697 | 12,938 | 14,838 |
| Minority interest | 57 | 86 | 47 | 47 |
| Borrowings | 3,720 | 2,555 | 3,300 | 3,069 |
| Trade payables | 639 | 759 | 678 | 776 |
| Other liab & prov | 2,159 | 2,272 | 1,638 | 1,638 |
| Total liabilities | 16,833 | 17,388 | 18,620 | 20,387 |
| Net block | 7,713 | 8,015 | 8,955 | 8,976 |
| Intangible assets | 5 | 31 | 6 | 6 |
| Capital WIP | 216 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Total fixed assets | 7,933 | 8,099 | 9,014 | 9,034 |
| Non current inv | 1,354 | 1,500 | 1,589 | 1,589 |
| Cash/cash equivalent | 259 | 395 | 203 | 1,139 |
| Sundry debtors | 4,873 | 5,110 | 5,521 | 6,327 |
| Loans & advances | 225 | 124 | 226 | 226 |
| Other assets | 1,717 | 1,608 | 1,529 | 1,534 |
| Total assets | 16,833 | 17,388 | 18,620 | 20,387 |

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Reported profit | 1,432 | 1,504 | 1,994 | 2,494 |
| Add: Depreciation | 825 | 928 | 1,108 | 1,185 |
| Interest (net of tax) | 230 | 179 | 188 | 199 |
| Others | (81) | 255 | (539) | (535) |
| Changes in WC | 117 | 181 | (828) | (712) |
| Operating cash flow | 2,523 | 3,047 | 1,923 | 2,630 |
| Less: Capex | (1,321) | (1,241) | (2,230) | (1,205) |
| Free cash flow | 1,202 | 1,807 | (306) | 1,425 |

Key Ratios

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| RoE (%) | 14.9 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 18.0 |
| RoCE (%) | 13.1 | 13.7 | 15.7 | 17.5 |
| Receivable days | 67 | 65 | 60 | 59 |
| Payable days | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| cash conversion cycle | 59 | 57 | 53 | 52 |
| Working cap (% sales) | 15.9 | 14.6 | 16.2 | 16.1 |
| Gross debt/equity (x) | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Net debt/equity (x) | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Interest coverage (x) | 4.6 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 9.0 |

Valuation Drivers

| Year to March | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS growth (%) | 5.4 | 1.5 | 25.7 | 25.1 |
| RoE (%) | 14.9 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 18.0 |
| EBITDA growth (%) | (3.6) | 8.6 | 20.3 | 22.2 |
| Payout ratio (%) | 10.6 | 11.9 | 10.1 | 10.3 |

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Exhibit 1: Quarterly financial snapshot

| INR mn | Q4FY21 | Q4FY20 | YoY % | Q3FY21 | QoQ % | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 7,966 | 6,257 | 27.3 | 7,152 | 11.4 | 24,520 | 28,129 | 32,210 |
| Operating expenses | 6,416 | 5,025 | 27.7 | 5,760 | 11.4 | 19,738 | 22,512 | 25,563 |
| Employee Benefit Expenses | 425 | 408 | 4.2 | 359 | 18.2 | 1,402 | 1,559 | 1,770 |
| Others | 271 | 245 | 10.5 | 278 | (2.8) | 902 | 1,068 | 1,213 |
| Total expenditure | 7,111 | 5,677 | 25.3 | 6,398 | 11.1 | 22,042 | 25,139 | 28,546 |
| EBITDA | 856 | 580 | 47.6 | 754 | 13.4 | 2,479 | 2,990 | 3,664 |
| Depreciation | 268 | 197 | 36.2 | 220 | 21.6 | 881 | 1,061 | 1,137 |
| EBIT | 588 | 383 | 53.5 | 534 | 10.1 | 1,598 | 1,928 | 2,527 |
| Interest | 56 | 80 | (29.8) | 58 | (3.8) | 248 | 252 | 265 |
| Other income | 105 | 67 | 58.3 | 86 | 22.0 | 352 | 372 | 347 |
| Add: Exceptional items | 35 | 0 | N/A | 104 | (66.2) | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| Profit Before Tax | 602 | 370 | 62.7 | 458 | 31.4 | 1,562 | 2,048 | 2,609 |
| Less: Provision for Tax | 73 | 57 | 28.3 | 58 | 27.7 | 214 | 369 | 470 |
| Reported Profit | 529 | 313 | 69.0 | 401 | 32.0 | 1,348 | 1,680 | 2,139 |
| Adjusted Profit | 560 | 313 | 79.2 | 482 | 16.1 | 1,487 | 1,680 | 2,139 |
| Adjusted Diluted EPS | 7.3 | 4.1 | 79.2 | 6.3 | 16.1 | 19.4 | 21.9 | 27.9 |
| P/E (x) | | | | | | | 12.1 | 9.7 |
| As % of net revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses | 80.5 | 80.3 | | 80.5 | | 80.5 | 80.0 | 79.4 |
| Staff expenses | 5.3 | 6.5 | | 5.0 | | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Other expenses | 3.4 | 3.9 | | 3.9 | | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| EBITDA | 10.7 | 9.3 | | 10.5 | | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.4 |
| Net profit | 7.0 | 5.0 | | 6.7 | | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.6 |

Source: Company, Edelweiss Research

Company Description

Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI) is an integrated supply chain and logistics solutions provider. The Company's segments include Freight Division, Supply Chain Solutions Division, Seaways Division, Energy Division and Global Division. It offers multimodal transportation solutions. Its divisions include TCI Freight Division, TCI Supply Chain Solutions Division, TCI Seaways Division and TCI Global Division, among others. TCI Freight is a surface transport entity. TCI Supply Chain Solutions division offers services to sectors, such as auto, retail, telecom, electrical and pharmaceuticals. TCI Seaways division caters to coastal cargo requirements for transporting container and bulk cargo. TCI Global division provides customs clearance, international inbound and outbound freight handling (air and sea), third-party logistics, multimodal (air, surface and sea) services and project cargo. It has a fleet of customized vehicles and over 12 million square feet of warehousing space.

Investment Theme

We are bullish on TCIL as: 1) it is focusing on changing its business mix by growing the high margin LTL business and growing fast in the 3PL segment; 2) the 3PL segment backdrop remains very conducive for ~15% CAGR over the next six-seven years, which will add the structural growth element to TCIL's business; and 3) we believe that the market continues to undervalue the long-term potential of TCIL's 3PL segment by at least 25-30%.

Key Risks

Our thesis rests greatly on the implied benefits that GST is likely to offer such as catalysing warehouse consolidation in India, which would nudge several large customers towards outsourced logistics. A slower-than-expected pickup in this trend is a key downside risk to our thesis.

Any downfall in trucking freight rates, particularly due to aggressive pricing by PE backed transporters can impact the profitability of TCI adversely.

Additional Data

Management

| | |
|---------|---------------------|
| CEO | Vineet Agarwal (MD) |
| CFO | Ashish Tiwari |
| COO | |
| Other | |
| Auditor | Brahmayya & Co. |

Holdings – Top 10*

| | % Holding | % Holding | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------|
| HDFC AMC | 7.54 | LIC AMC | 0.85 |
| HDFC Trustee | 7.36 | Tata AMC | 0.83 |
| Sundaram AMC | 1.04 | GIC AMC | 0.60 |
| IDFC AMC | 0.95 | JP Morgan | 0.51 |
| Dimensional Fd. | 0.90 | Principal Group | 0.34 |

*Latest public data

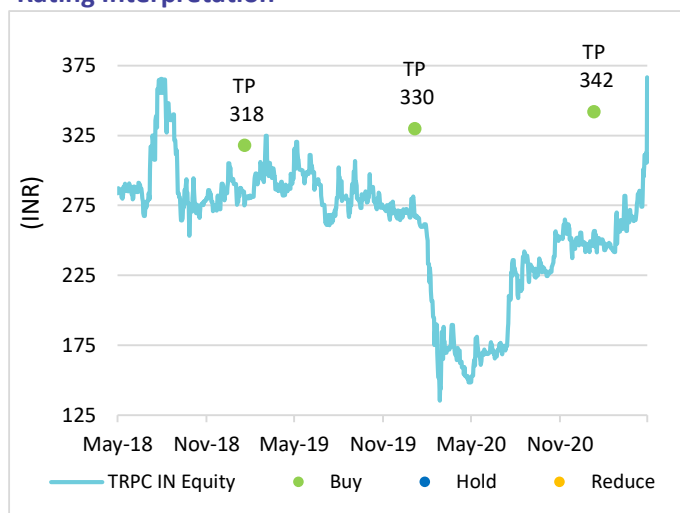
Recent Company Research

| Date | Title | Price | Reco |
|-----------|--|-------|------|
| 08-Feb-21 | Business mix change to drive rerating; <i>Company Update</i> | 245 | Buy |
| 05-Feb-21 | Geared up; <i>Result Update</i> | 257 | Buy |
| 04-Nov-20 | Going strong; <i>Result Update</i> | 226 | Buy |

Recent Sector Research

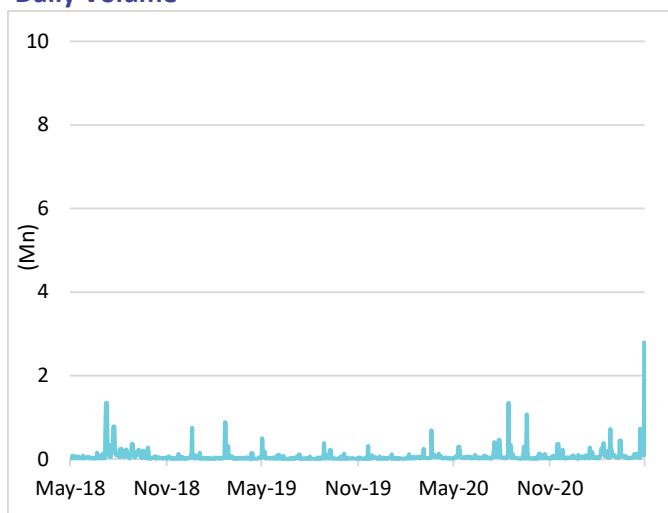
| Date | Name of Co./Sector | Title |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| 24-May-21 | Container Corporation | Stalemate ends; re-rating on the cards; <i>Result Update</i> |
| 19-May-21 | TCI Express | Performance in fast lane; record margin; <i>Result Update</i> |
| 05-May-21 | Blue Dart Express | The juggernaut rolls on; <i>Result Update</i> |

Rating Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Edelweiss research

Daily Volume



Source: Bloomberg

Rating Distribution: Edelweiss Research Coverage

| | Buy | Hold | Reduce | Total |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Rating Distribution* | 169 | 57 | 17 | 244 |
| | >50bn | >10bn and <50bn | <10bn | Total |
| Market Cap (INR) | 204 | 46 | 3 | 253 |

*1 stocks under review

Rating Rationale

| Rating | Expected absolute returns over 12 months |
|---------|--|
| Buy: | >15% |
| Hold: | >15% and <-5% |
| Reduce: | <-5% |

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